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SUBJ: MORE ON GOU PLEDGE TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS

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- 1. MORNING AFTER MINISTERIAL PLEDGE THAT GOU WOULD PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS (REFTEL) EMBOFF ADVISOR TO USDEL AT 8TH MEETING OF OAS COUNCIL ON EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE, ASKED DR. IGNACIO BARREIRO, URUGUAYAN FONOFF'S LIAISON MAN, IF MINISTER DARRACQ'S PLEDGE THAT THE GOU WOULD PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS REALLY MEANT A CHANGE WOULD COME. BARREIRO SAID HE COULD NOT ANSWER BUT WOULD CHECK.
- 2. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, BARREIRO SOUGHT EMBOFF OUT AND STATED THAT SPEECH DID SIGNIFY A CHANGE AND THAT, "HUMAN RIGHTS WILL RECEIVE INCREASED ATTENTION AND IMPORTANCE IN ALL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES. THE GOVERNMENT (OF URUGUAY) IS STUDYING POSSIBILITIES OF RESTORING (CONSTITUTIONAL) GUARANTEES". BARREIRO WENT ON TO STATE THAT AN OPENING WAS COMING BUT THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT A GROUP SUCH AS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS OR THE RED CROSS TO BE INVITED IN.

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3. COMMENT. BARREIRO IS A VERY CORRECT YOUNG DIPLOMAT WHO OBVIOUSLY SOUGHT INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE RESPONDING. IN LIGHT OF DARRACQ'S STATEMENT AND SUBSEQUENT COMMENTS BY OAS SECGEN ORFILA, BARREIRO'S RESPONSE INSOFAR AS IT CONCERNED "GUARANTEES" MAY INDICATE IMMINENCE OF SOME MOVE INVOLVING THE RESTORATION OF DUE PROCESS WHICH THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN TELLING THE AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN UNDER STUDY FOR SOME MONTHS.

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